

† SRI R. D. KITTUR.—I also feel that the furniture purchased by the Market Committee is a little bit costly. I will advise them not to spend lavishly on articles.

SRI BAPU GOWDA.—May I know whether it is a fact that these furnitures were purchased at Bangalore whereas at Gulbarga Jail there is carpentry unit where they could have purchased at Government cost? May I know whether there is any monopoly interest in purchasing them at Bangalore?

SRI R. D. KITTUR.—No doubt the concerned Market Committee had called for tenders and five contractors had given their quotation. The Market Committee has accepted the lowest one given by Balaji Furnishers, Bangalore.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಎಂ. ಮಂಜುನಾಥ್.—ಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ಈ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆಗಳ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಗೆ ಎಂದು ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದ 1 ಲಕ್ಷ 50 ಸಾವಿರ ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ಖರೀದಿಪತ್ರಗಳಿಗೋಸ್ಕರ 1 ಲಕ್ಷ ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳನ್ನು ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರುವುದು ಅಕ್ಕಮಾ ಅಲ್ಲವೆ?

SRI R. D. KITTUR.—The hon. member's impression is wrong. The Market Committee has not purchased the furniture out of that money. The Market Committee is utilising its funds for development also.

SRI BAPU GOWDA.—May I know how many tenders were received and what are their names?

SRI R. D. KITTUR.—Five tenders were received by the Market Committee. They are:

Balaji Furnishers, Bangalore
Bharat Traders, Infantry Road, Bangalore
Bharat Wood Industries, Infantry Road, Bangalore
United Agencies, Station Road, Gulbarga
Godrej Agencies, Gulbarga.

MADAM SPEAKER.—I will hold over the Question No. 250 as Minister has written me that he is not in a position to come today. Next Question.

Ghost Ration Cards in Towns of Jamkhandi Taluk

254. SRI P. M. BANGI (Jamkhandi).—Will the Minister for Food and Civil Supplies be pleased to state:—

(a) the names and number of the licenses of fair price shops and societies to whom the distribution of foodgrains and sugar is entrusted in the Municipal area of Rabakavi/Banhatti and Terdal Municipal Towns in Jamkhandi Taluk;

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(b) the number of ration cards covering the number of units issued in the municipal area of (1) Rabakavi-Banahatti and Terdal Town Municipal Council and since when these cards were issued ;

(c) whether any attempt has been made by concerned authorities to find out ghost ration cards and units in the municipal area both the above said municipalities ;

(d) whether the Government is aware that sugar and foodgrains are drawn on ghost ration cards and are sold in blackmarket by sugar card holders and also by proprietors of fair price shops and societies ;

(e) the reasons for not making any attempt in eliminating ghost ration cards and units ;

(f) the steps taken by concerned authorities to eliminate ghost cards and check the sale of controlled sugar and foodgrains in blackmarket ?

SMT. E. E. VAZ (Minister for Food and Civil Supplies).—

(a) —

Rabakavi and Banahatti

1. Veerabhadreshwara Consumers Co-operative Credit Society, Banahatti.

2. Town Consumers Co-operative Society, Rabakavi-Banahatti.
3. Weavers Co-operative Society, Banahatti.
4. Harijan Nekar Sahakari Sangh Limited, Banahatti.
5. Sarvodaya Society, Rampur.
6. Town Consumers Co-operative Society, Rabakavi-Banahatti.
7. Akkamahadevi Consumers Co-operative Society, Rabakavi.
8. Town Consumers Co-operative Society, Rabakavi-Banahatti.
9. Town Consumers Co-operative Society, Rabakavi-Banahatti.
10. The Primary Consumers Co-operative Society, Rabakavi.

Terdal Town

11. T. A. P. C. M. S., Terdal.
12. G. V. S., Terdal.
13. G. S. S. Kallatti, Terdal.
14. G. S. S., Terdal.
15. Vijaya Nekar Sangh, Terdal.